

DDAA Welcomes LTC Kevin Kahley, USA

A traditional Change of Command Ceremony June 20, 2003 marked the transfer of command of the Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, AL (DDAA) LTC Lacey C. Hughes, USA, to LTC Kevin R. Kahley, USA. Officiating at the ceremony was BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in New Cumberland, Pa.

LTC Hughes commanded DDAA from June 28, 2001. During his tenure, DDAA was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA). On January 15th, 2003, Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld announced that the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) earned the JMUA from the Department of Defense. DLA and DDAA distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement from September 11, 2001 to July 31, 2002. DLA and DDAA provided an unsurpassed level of continuous logistics support to the nation's Warfighters. The DLA staff provided superior support to elements of the U.S. armed forces participating in Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, while maintaining outstanding support to ongoing Balkan operations. DLA's efforts significantly contributed to the nation's homeland security and war fighting effort. DLA and DDAA products, services and forward-deployed contingency support teams have been on the ground since September 11th. DLA accomplished this surge in mission requirement while undergoing an organizational transformation that included replacing a 40 year old legacy business system with an enterprise resource planning system, reducing



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hardware backorders by 25 percent, improving weapon system readiness, and lowering operating costs by more than \$1 billion. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the DLA, DDC, DDAA, brought great credit to themselves and to the office of the Secretary of Defense.

LTC Kahley has served since July 2000 as the Petroleum and Water Branch Chief for Third U.S. Army/U.S. Army Central Command at Ft McPherson, GA. He deployed to Kuwait with the headquarters, designated as the Coalition Forces Land Component Command, in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The DDAA provides distribution services for tracked vehicles, small arms weapons and missile systems, and maintains material to support weapons and combat systems. Its primary mission is to support the maintenance mission of the Anniston Army Depot. It also receives and sends equipment and machinery by land, sea and air for worldwide distribution for all military services.

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PEOPLE . . . Care for our people, our community, and our environment—their safety and their diversity.

SERVICE . . . Focus on customer service.

EXCELLENCE . . . Expectation of professionalism and quality, teamwork and recognition to teams and individuals based on contributions to achieving Agency objectives.

INNOVATION . . . Investment in improvements for the future.

TRUST . . . Fostering relationships based on honesty, credibility, respect and fairness.